



SNOHOMISH REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE

Chief's Report

May 11, 2023

Mission

Save Lives, Protect Property, Safeguard the Environment, and Take Care of People

Vision

We will be a proactive regional emergency services leader by partnering to provide safe communities for people to live, work and explore.

Guiding Values

Respect, Accountability, Integrity, Teamwork, Service

OPERATIONS

Significant Alarms

Brush Fire

On May 1, firefighters responded to a report of explosions and brush fire at the 4200 block of 208th St. SE and arrived to find a slow-moving brush fire under power lines. E73 established 42nd command and upgraded the response to get additional units on scene. The fire was successfully extinguished and was caused by a 150,000 volt electrical line that had broken off a power pole and fell to the ground.

Fire Suppression / Special Operations

Water Rescue Training

The SRFR Water Rescue Team completed its annual spring refresher training during the week of April 24-27. The team practiced skills on both land and water and incorporated simulated rescue scenarios. One of the scenarios included multiple missing people spread over a section of the Skykomish River. This created realistic challenges in removal without the use of a motorized boat. Members from SCFD #4, Marysville and Everett participated as well as all team members from SRFR.

Emergency Medical Services

SRFR Data – Month of April 2023

- STEMI (Heart Attack) Alerts – 5
- Stroke Alerts – 20
- Cardiac Arrests - 5
- Intubations - 10

Paramedic Skills Training

On May 2, paramedics participated in skills training consisting of: ultrasound, medication labeling, traction splint, and Handtevy software updates.



Training & Safety

On May 2, the Training Division and Human Resources ran the Battalion Chief Assessment Center. Seven candidates participated in the assessment center. SRFR anticipates a minimum of one promotion from the list created by this assessment center due to the retirement of BC Hyatt. The list will remain active for two years, unless it is exhausted due to promotions. A special thank you to Kendra Timm, Brian Kees, and Joe Basta for all their work in planning and running the assessment center.

Training

The Snohomish County Fire Training Academy Class of 23-01 graduated on Thursday, May 4, at the Rosehill Community Center in Mukilteo, WA. Congratulations to all the recruits and a big thank you to the Snohomish County Training Consortium for delivering another successful academy!

ADMINISTRATION

Community Advisory Committee

Staff from the Planning and Community Affairs divisions will be working with the Board of Fire Commissioners to develop a Community Advisory Committee. The mission of the Community Advisory Committee will be to review District operations and issues and provide feedback and recommendations for continuous improvement.

Cultural Leadership Team

The Cultural Leadership Team engaged in a workshop May 8, 9, and 10. The workshop was facilitated by Dr. Pat Sikora. Key topics included organizational culture, communications, and team building.

Firefighter Recruitment

Staff have been interviewing finalists for entry level firefighter with the goal of hiring 15 recruit firefighters. The new recruits will join SRFR for pre-academy training in July.

Snohomish Fire District 4

Staff from Fire District 4 and SRFR continue to meet on a weekly and monthly basis to discuss potential opportunities. Staff are currently working on a plan to partner in the use and maintenance of the Ray Lee Brown Training Facility at District 4.

With appreciation,

Kevin O'Brien, Fire Chief